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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 710

May 2, 2008

**To:** All Iowa Medicaid Physician, Dentist, Podiatrist, Pharmacy, Home Health Agency, Rural Health Clinic, Clinic, Skilled Nursing Facility, Intermediate Care Facility, Community MH, Family Planning, Residential Care Facility, ICF MR State, Community Based ICF/MR Providers

**From:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

**Date:** May 2, 2008

**Subject:** Preferred Status Change in Short-Acting Beta Adrenergic HFA Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI) Preferred Drug List (PDL) Class

**Effective Date:** May 19, 2008

**Effective May 19, 2008**, Proventil® HFA MDI, ProAir® HFA MDI, and Ventolin® HFA MDI will become **preferred** on the Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List and available without prior authorization.

**Effective July 19, 2008**, Xopenex® HFA MDI will become a **non-preferred** drug on the Iowa Medicaid Preferred Drug List and will require prior authorization. This change in status comes as a result of the manufacturer, Sepracor Inc., prematurely terminating their supplemental drug rebate contract with the State of Iowa effective May 19, 2008. This action by Sepracor could adversely impact any future contracts with this manufacturer. To assist pharmacies in utilizing any remaining inventory of Xopenex® HFA Inhalers for Iowa Medicaid members, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise will not require prior authorization for the use of Xopenex® HFA MDI through July 18, 2008.

After July 18, 2008 the dispensing pharmacist may use a **PA Type Code 8** as a POS override for a one-time, 30-day supply override if the prescriber is not available to change the prescription from Xopenex® HFA to one of the preferred albuterol HFA inhalers.

### Short-Acting Beta Adrenergic HFA MDI Preferred Status Timeline

Through May 18, 2008	Xopenex® HFA MDI
May 19 - July 18, 2008	Proventil® HFA MDI, ProAir® HFA MDI, Ventolin® HFA MDI and Xopenex® HFA MDI
July 19, 2008 forward	Proventil® HFA MDI, ProAir® HFA MDI, and Ventolin® HFA MDI

If you have any questions, please contact the Pharmacy Point of Sale Helpdesk at 877-463-7671 or 515-725-1107 (local in Des Moines) or e-mail [info@iowamedicaidpos.com](mailto:info@iowamedicaidpos.com).